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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Ricardo E. Paxson *et al.*

Application No.: 10/783,624

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Art Unit: 1631

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
IMPROVED SIMULATION OF CHEMICAL  
AND BIOCHEMICAL REACTIONS

Examiner: J. M. Sims

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION SUBMITTED IN  
CONJUNCTION WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 6, 2009 (Paper No. 20090227), the due date of which is extended to June 8 due to the fact that June 6 fell on a Saturday, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. A Request for Continued Examination is attached.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.